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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE:AMERICAN
ARMS SHIPMENT

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 1333 NOTAL

1. SATURN AIRWAYS CREW MEMBER (CAPTAIN M. JONES)
INFORMED EMBASSY JUNE 12 THAT SATURN C-130 CHARTER
FLIGHT TO UPPER VOLTA WAS STOPPED BY AUTHORITIES
IN ALGERIA. FLIGHT IS PART OF SATURN'S CONTRACT
WITH GOUV FOR NINE SUPPORT FLIGHTS (REFTEL) AND
WAS DUE TO ARRIVE OUAGADOUGU JUNE 12. SATURN HEADQUARTERS
YESTERDAY SENT TELEGRAM TO JONES ADVISING HIM
THAT PROBLEM WAS "SERIOUS" AND NOT TO DISCUSS
MATTER WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. FOR ALGIERS: WE
PASS THIS INFO ON TO YOU FOR WHAT ITS WORTH.
ACCORDING TO JONES, PLANE AHD ALL NECESSARY OVER-
FLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION ALGIERS IS ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THIS MATTER.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: CONTRARY TO WHAT WE REPORTED IN
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PARA 2 REFTEL, JONES SAYS THAT CURRENT SUPPORT

FLIGHTS DO INVOLVE ARMS SHIPMENTS. ALTHOUGH SATURN CREW MEMBERS UNABLE GIVE DETAILS, MILITARY ITEMS BEING BROUGHT IN ACCORDING TO THEM ARE AMERICAN WEAPONS (MOSTLY SMALL ARMS) PROCURED FROM PRIVATE BELGIUM, PORTUGUESE AND GERMAN SOURCES. ARMS ARE OLDER MODEL, 1950'S VINTAGE, WHICH CAPTAIN JONES BELIEVES MIGHT BE SURPLUS NATO EQUIPMENT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND/OR DOD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE SHIPMENTS. JONES REPORTED THAT SATURN CLEARED THESE FLIGHTS WITH STATE AND DEFENSE.

3. SHIPMENTS OF U.S. MANUFACTURED ARMS CREATES DELICATE SITUATION WITH POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR U.S. IF INFORMATION LEAKS OUT. CAPTAIN JONES AND OTHER CREW MEMBERS APPEAR TO BE DISCREET ENOUGH, BUT IN THE OFF CHANCE THAT THIS SITUATION DOES BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE MATTER HERE.
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